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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Member to State Board of Education Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Advisory Group

A vacancy has occurred on the following State Board advisory group due to a resignation.

ADVISORY GROUP

VACANCIES

Professional Standards Commission for Teachers

Nominations were solicited for one membership category in which a mid-term vacancy has occurred. At the State Board of Education's request, nominees were asked to submit a one- or two-paragraph statement of their philosophy as it relates to the responsibilities of the advisory group. The person listed below has been nominated by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for appointment to the following State Board advisory group. A biographical resume and statement of philosophy is provided as Attachment 1. The purpose and current membership of this advisory group are provided as Attachments 2 and 3.

Professional Standards Commission for Teachers

Russell Kirksey (MASB) is recommended in the category of local school board to fulfill the remainder of a four-year term ending June 30, 2004, due to the resignation of Charles Jackson.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education appoint to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Russell Kirksey to fulfill the remainder of a four-year term ending June 30, 2004, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 9, 2003.

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Biographical Resume

Nomination for

Michigan Association of School Boards
(Name of Advisory Committee)

1. **Name:** Russell Kirksey
2. **Address:** 7581 Paradise Drive; Grand Blanc, MI 48439
3. **Present Position:** Retired from General Motors Truck Group
Supplier Quality Assurance
4. **Business Address:**
5. **Telephone:** **Home:** 810 695 1548
Business:
- E-Mail Address:** russkirks@aol.com
6. **Nominating Organization:** Michigan Association of School Boards
7. **Race* (Optional)** **Sex* (Optional)** Male
8. **Prior Experience:**
Possess thirty years of experience in operations, inspection, reliability, supplier quality engineering, and program project management.
9. **Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:**
Board of Education Grand Blanc Community Schools (1993 – 2006)
Michigan Association of School Boards
Vice Chair, Education Issues Committee, Michigan Association of School Boards
10. **Education:** Masters Industrial Management
Bachelors Social Science; Business
General Motors CEU Programs

11. Miscellaneous:

Office of Professional Preparation Services
Fax # 517/373-0542

*Optional

Philosophical Statement

From my experience on the Grand Blanc Community Schools Board of Education and from the information and discussion on the subject taking place at meetings of the MASB Education Issues Committee, I believe the charge to the Professional Standards Commissions for Teachers is critical, and timely. An effective teacher is the most important determinant of student achievement, and the policies the Commission develops can, and must, enhance this. The importance of these efforts is now being underscored by new requirements for “highly qualified teachers” mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act.

These efforts should focus on the recruitment of the best possible candidates for the profession, and then on the roles and systems of teacher preparation programs at colleges and universities. The latter must include effective assessment mechanisms of prospective teachers, particularly during student teaching experiences. And, especially in the crucial first years in the classroom, establishment of effective mentoring with them using the best veteran teachers in the district. I further believe that teacher development should be a lifelong professional experience so that new and more effective techniques, technology, and advances in substantive fields will constantly enhance the teachers’ impact and success in the students’ success and achievement in learning and in life.

The Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT)
(SBE Appointed)

Charge: The Professional Standards Commission for Teachers is charged by the State Board of Education to:

- investigate and recommend standards of professional practice to improve the quality of the teaching profession;
- develop and recommend standards for the implementation of teacher internships, student teaching programs or other clinical teaching experiences for persons preparing to become teachers;
- review and recommend changes related to the continuing education and recertification of teachers; and
- review and recommend changes in policies related to the revocation of teaching certificates.

Composition: The Professional Standards Commission for Teachers should be comprised of fifteen members as follows:

- ten teachers, nine of whom must be public school teachers, one must be an intermediate school district teacher and one must be a nonpublic school teacher.
- two representatives of higher education institutions
- one school administrator
- one representative of a local school board
- one representative of the general public.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION FOR TEACHERS (PSCT)

APPOINTMENT LIST – November 2002

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>INITIAL/ RE-APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
ADMINISTRATOR (1)			
Dr. Kathryn Malnar Hudson Area Schools 781 North Maple Grove Avenue Hudson, MI 49247	9/12/02	4 years	6/30/06
GENERAL PUBLIC (1)			
Mr. Harrison Blackmond Blackmond Givens Group 407 East Fort Street, Suite 407 Detroit, MI 48226	9/12/02	4 years	6/30/06
HIGHER EDUCATION (2)			
Ms. Delinda Crane Siena Heights University 1247 East Siena Heights Drive Adrian, MI 49221	12/14/00	4 years	6/30/04
Dr. Jo-Ann Snyder Room 221 College of Education Wayne State University Detroit, MI 48202	8/20/97 7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
ISD TEACHER (1)			
Ms. Carole Turner 58 Oakridge Drive Marquette, MI 49855	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD (1)			
Mr. Charles Jackson (Vacant) 1388 Harold Trail Grayling, MI 49738	10/21/99 11/16/00	4 years	6/30/04
NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER (1)			
Ms. Barbara Stork 885 Sunrise Park Drive Howell, MI 48843	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>INITIAL/ RE-APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
TEACHER/TEACHER ASSOCIATION (8)			
Mr. William Bell 8876 Winter Dove Drive Commerce Township, MI 48382	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
Ms. Vivian Davis MEA 1216 Kendale East Lansing, MI 48826	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
Ms. Judy Brune Ionia Intermediate School District 2190 Harwood Road Ionia, MI 48846	*11/16/00	4 years	6/30/04
Ms. Rosa Johnson 1206 East Preston Mt. Pleasant MI 48858	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
Ms. Lois-Lofton Doniver 16545 Shaftsbury Detroit, MI 48219	7/19/01	4 years	6/30/05
Ms. Kathleen Kosobud-McKinley NBPTS Ann Arbor Public Schools 26555 Evergreen Road, Suite 400 Southfield, MI 48076	11/18/99 11/16/00	4 years	6/30/04
Ms. Susan Pagen MEA P.O. Box 2573 East Lansing, MI 48826	9/12/02	4 years	3/30/05
Ms. Nancy Shaw Livonia Public Schools 32401 Pembroke Livonia, MI 48152	11/16/00	4 years	6/30/04